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LETTER DATED 4 JANUARY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDONESIA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA EXPRESSING THE VIEW OF THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE FIFTH FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST CONDUCTED RECENTLY AT MURUROA ATOLL

Upon instruction, I have the honour to submit to you a press release from the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia expressing the view of the Indonesian Government on the fifth French nuclear test conducted recently at Mururoa Atoll.

It would be highly appreciated, if you could take the necessary steps to include this document as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and at the same time to make it available to all member and non-member States participating in the Conference on Disarmament.

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Permanent Representative

THE INDONESIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESS RELEASE
ON THE FIFTH FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia deeply regrets the fifth French nuclear test at Mururoa Atoll, which demonstrates total disregard towards the decision reached at the 1995 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review and Extension Conference. The test indicates adverse actions to France's purported intention of exercising "utmost restraint" as proclaimed at the Conference. Furthermore, it ignores the wishes of the people in the South Pacific and its environmental consequences.

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia urges the French Government to take necessary actions in contributing towards the realization of the Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty in 1996.

Jakarta, 2 January 1996